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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS REQUEST FOR TREATMENT OF SERGEANT MAJOR K.W. BOON

¶1. SUMMARY. The Dutch Ministry of Defense (MOD) has requested medical evaluation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for Sergeant-Major K.W. Boon for "Medically Unexplained Physical Symptoms (MUPS)" following his deployment to Northern Iraq in 1991. Preliminary coordination has been accomplished for evaluation and appropriate follow-on outpatient care with MOD funding the costs of the programs and all travel expenses. Ambassador Levin strongly concurs with this request. END SUMMARY.

¶2. Sergeant-Major K.W. Boon, a member of the Royal Netherlands Marine Corps, has been evaluated by Dutch medical experts with no success. The MOD Principal Director of Personnel, Lieutenant General J.G. A. Leijh has authorized further evaluation by an "external institute" and officially requested DOD evaluation. Preliminary coordination has been accomplished with Walter Reed Army Medical Center for a five-day pre-program evaluation and if needed a three-week Track 1 Specialized Care program. The programs and all travel expenses will be funded by the Royal Dutch Navy through their Point of Contact in the Dutch Caribbean Naval Command, Commander A.J.N. Liefting MD, Chief Medical Officer.

¶3. The Dutch have been a valued partner in our security efforts including both wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Approval of this request is in the best interests of our continued relationship and has the full endorsement of Ambassador Levin.

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